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$39,700,000,000 BUDGET

It is reported that President Eisenhower will ask Congress for $39,700,000,000 in military funds for fiscal 1958. If this report is accurate, it will mean that the President has increased military expenses from last year by $4,100,000,000.

It is also reported that the President will ask Congress to approve a sum of $7,800,000,000 for Air Force for the current fiscal year. This represents an increase in funds for the Air Force of $2,100,000,000.

The Navy is reported in line to receive $11,200,000,000 and the Army $10,000,000,000 in the coming fiscal year. In addition to this, the Defense Department will need additional funds.

If the President's defense budget is up more than four billion dollars, it would seem that Congress will have to exercise restraint in non-defense fields if the Government is not to be operated in the red in fiscal 1958.

Already the President has taken action to obtain cancellation of automatic tax cuts scheduled for April 1st.

The consumer is getting weary of Congress passing tax cuts to go into effect automatically a year ahead and then, the next year, cancelling the reductions. However, in the opinion of most experts, this action is necessary this year.

The reason offered by the Administration, and congressional leaders, for the necessity of maintaining high taxes and increased defense expenditures is the crisis facing this country in the Middle East.

The new budget reflects the emphasis being placed on airpower, which can be such a vital factor in the Middle East. It will undoubtedly allow the Air Force to continue its expansion program, although it seems that fiscal 1958 defense requests have about reached a limit which cannot be exceeded if the country is to operate in the black.

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LONGER DAYS

Though many of us do not realize it, the days are getting longer and, before long — when the weather begins to warm up — we will be enjoying those long late spring days.

The turn of the tide came last December 21st and, from that day on, daylight has been greater with each succeeding day. In approximately two months, we will reach the day, March 20th, when night and day will be of the same length. On June 21st, summer will begin, but, ironically, the days will begin to get shorter immediately.

As the reader can see, our weather reflects what the sun has done several months earlier, and the reason July and August are often hotter than June is because the earth has stored up much heat from the long summer days and is actually hotter than it was on June 21st. And, although the sun does not shine as long in August, the earth has become hotter because of this stored heat.

Likewise, in the winter, while the days in late January and early February are longer than they are on December 15th or 21st, the weather is often colder because the earth has lost so much more of its stored heat by January, February and March than was the case in December.

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PRIME MINISTER MacMILLAN

The Right Honorable Harold MacMillan should prove to be a true friend of the United States in his new role of Prime Minister of Great Britain. MacMillan is a staunch British nationalist and a member of the right wing of the British Conservative Party.

MacMillan's task is a most difficult one in the months and years ahead — if his government lasts that long. If he can bring stability to the British economy and restore the prestige Britain has lost abroad, he will have worked a minor miracle.

Mr. MacMillan is sixty-two years old and gets the job as Prime Minister over the popular Majority Leader of the House of Commons, R. A. Butler. It was a bitter pill for Butler to swallow, something like the pill Lord Halifax had to swallow when Winston Churchill was named Prime Minister in the dark days of 1940. However, Butler is only fifty-four and has plenty of time to become Prime Minister at a later date, in a later government.

MacMillan stood by the former Prime Minister, Anthony Eden, in his trying days during the invasion of Egypt. Unlike, Butler, he supported the attack on Egypt from first to last, and it is thought that, because of this, he will be a unifying force in the Conservative Party.

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ON SPENDING MONEY

The economic experts are predicting that 1957 will be a successful business year. Although 1956 was good, it was not as good in most instances as was the boom year of 1955.

There are soft spots in the economy, and most of the forecasts of 1957 call attention to these soft spots, although the over-all prediction is that 1957 will be another good year.

This seems to indicate that earnings will be high again this year. Remembering this, we suggest that the reader seriously consider saving a little money during 1957. No one knows exactly what the future holds.

The philosophy of saving money in a good one and it will prove to be a wise course whether the year is a good one, or whether the predictions for continued prosperity are correct. The time will always come to each individual when a little capital, a little money saved, will come in handy.

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The cost of government is in direct proportion to the demands we make upon government.

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The world is jammed with people who do not know as much as they think they know.

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If you have managed to survive so far this year, you might as well drive carefully so you can enjoy both Christmas and the New Year festivities.

Pampin Rt. 1

Pamplin, R. F. D. One.- Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Baldwin and children, of Lynchburg, spent Sunday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Webber.

Mr. Sam M. Baldwin and daughter, Jackie, and Donnie Zentner, of Route One, Pamplin, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Webber, of Spout Spring.

Mrs. Clarence Webber spent Saturday evening in Powhatan in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baldwin and daughters, Doris and Jackie, spent a while Satuurday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Davis, of Powhatan. There was a shower for Mr. and Mrs. Gene Davis, who were married Dec. 26.

NUT KERNEL CHOKES BABY

Edwardsville, Illinois.- Thersa Ann McConnell stangled to death after a walnut kernel lodged in her throat. Efforts failed to dislodge the kernel when the child began choking at her home.

UNUSUAL ACCIDENT

Salt Lake City, Utah.- As Peyton R. Omokundra's car pulled up behind another car at a stop light, Omokundra's car snagged onto the rear bumber of the car in front. He got out to check, but the light changed and both cars drove off. When the driver of the other car, Chris Wetzel, 66, started to turn at the next block, he noticed a driverless car very close behind, so he stopped to check. By that time, Omokundra, picked up by an observing motorist at the stop, light caught up, explained the situation, and got his car back.

SHOW OFF FATAL

Wichata Falls, Texas.- Jimmy Rike, 30-year-old salesman, was showing a pistol to his guests, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wright and Travis Fox. He pointed it into the air and snapped the trigger twice, then placed it against his wife and pulled the trigger once more. To assure his wife that the gun was unloaded, Rike put it to his temple and pulled the trigger again. It fired, instantly killing him.

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Stonewall

Stonewall, Jan. 21.- My, my, we've really had some cold, bad weather for the past week. Let us hope it will soon warm us, as the farmers can't do much with their tobacco while it is so cold.

Dr. Twyman Williams preached at Stonewall Church on Sunday morning. He is always a welcome guest in our community.

Miss Carson Crawley, of Appomattox spent the week-end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Stratton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Newman and Mrs. Marvin Stratton visited Mrs. Stratton's brother, Mr. Tommie Bonsant in Richmond hospital Sunday.

Mrs. Martin Kraus and Mrss. Marvin Stratton visited Mr. Marvin Stratton in University Hospital in Charlottesville on last Wednesday.

We hope for both sick ones a speedy get well.

We want to extend deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goodman in the loss of their only child, Mr. Eddie Goodman, who died in Roanoke very suddenly on last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Goodman are both on the sick list. We hope for them a speedy get well.

Mrs. Bettie Wheeler and son, Brad, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler.

Rev. Collie Rock visited Mrs. Henry Beard and her family on last Monday evening, at Appomattox.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick had as their guests on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Drinkard, Jr., of Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and Lawrence, and Mr. Irby Wheeler.

Let's not forget the prayer meeting at Bethel Church on Wednesday night. A large crowd is expected. The Pastor, Rev. Aaron Smith, will be in charge.

Quite Cool, Indeed

A hotel was on fire, and the guests gathered out in front, and were watching the flames.

"Nothing to get excited about," one traveling man was boasting. "I took my time about dressing. Lighted a cigaret. Didn't like the knot in my necktie, and retied it. That's how cool I was."

"Fine," remarked a bystander. "But why didn't you put your pants on?"

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Health and Sin

Lesson for January 27, 1957

IT TAKES a long time for some ideas to sink in. Sometimes it happens that a father or mother will give a child a serious talk about something important, but all the child remembers is that there was a talk about it. Years later, as a grown man, the former child will suddenly exclaim: So that's what Father was trying to tell me!

Dr. Foreman

Much of Jesus' teaching was like that. He was always giving hints, or saying things straight out, which a few faithful minds remembered, but did not understand. For years the saying of Jesus would be read in the Bible, and scholars would puzzle over it . . . and then hundreds of years after Christ, people would discover what Jesus meant. He was long ahead of his time.

Why People Are in Hospitals

One of these ahead-of-time hints was about the relation between health and sin. In the famous story of the man who was paralyzed, brought in by four of his friends for Jesus to heal, it long seemed a puzzling thing that the first thing Jesus said to him did not appear to have anything to do with his case. "Your sins are forgiven," Jesus said. Perhaps the four friends found it odd. They did not bring the man there to have his soul looked into; they came to get him back on his feet again. It was his muscles, not his morals, that seemed to need help. But Jesus saw with certain eye that the root of the man's trouble was not in his body, it was in his soul. He saw there was no use sending the man back into activity, with an active body but a crippled soul. Jesus that day was probably the only living person who could see that. Today the truth has dawned on fifty great many persons. Dr. Russell Dicks of Duke University says it has been learned that the majority of patients in hospitals would not be there if they were rid of what is eating into their minds.

Sins Against the Body

Psychiatrists, who are M.D.'s first, and who work hand in hand with surgeons, internal-medicine specialists and so on, are trained to probe for these non-physical causes of disease. The causes may be mental or spiritual, —if indeed they can be distinguished. A major cause they look for is the "guilt complex." One who hides within himself, perhaps at a deeper level than conscious memory, a sense of guilt, is a person who fails easy victim to disease, even to accidents. Case records are numerous in which it appears that the patient began to get well as soon as he began to "get right" in his attitude to God or man, or both. (Don't jump to extremes here! If you catch cold it's not necessarily because you've been stealing.) One of the most common sins, however, that many commit without being aware of it, is the whole class of sins against one's body, one's health,—against oneself. Eating and drinking unwisely, unrestsleeping, overstrain or undernourishment,—in ways too many to be counted, men and women sin against themselves. If it is a sin to commit suicide, it is equally a sin to do anything or to form any habit which shortens life.

Can Jesus Help?

Jesus brought the paralyzed man back to health of soul and body. Can Jesus help today? Yes, in several strong ways. (1) As a living Spirit, he can bring assurance of God's forgiveness. With that assurance, the inner life can begin again, healed and strong. (2) As the unseen but constant Companion, Christ can be so real that in his presence temptation loses its power, and the desire to live as in his presence becomes a high motive of life. (3) Christ has so inspired many a man and woman that they have been his personal representatives; he has lived in them and worked through them. Today there are persons, in Alcoholic Anonymous, for example, who have been so touched by the Master that they no longer live for their own appetites, but literally are on call day and night wherever they may help others who are struggling with the same habit which once had dragged them down. Whatever a Christian does for another in the name of Christ is not only done for Him—He does it. So Christ today, through those bear his name, helps by cure, but better, by prevention.

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POST OFFICE DEPT. SEEKS TO CUT RED TAPE

A mountain of red tape consisting of 1,685 different government forms has been eliminated by the Post Office Department's Forms Control Program since January, 1953, Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield reported today.

In addition to chopping off the 1,685 different forms which formerly plagued the public and postal personnel, the control program has greatly simplified use of many of the forms that have been retained and reduced the use of others.

Mr. Summerfield said the majority of forms eliminated were in the Washington headquarters of the Postal Service.

Moreover, he noted, this battle against red tape is still picking up momentum. Of the 1,685 forms completely eliminated, a total of 927 have been discontinued in the last eighteen months.

And, soon, 8,000 local forms will be replaced in major post offices by 119 existing authorized and 55 newly-designed standard forms. The reduction in forms that will be achieved by this move will be in addition to the 1,685 different forms already eliminated.

"Many of these forms in the category of the 1,685 already eliminated were printed by the millions, and, in a very real sense, their elimination has meant the abolition of a mountain of red tape," Mr. Summerfield commented.

Here are some other examples of achievements under the Forms Control Program as conducted by the present postal administration, the Postmaster General noted:

1. One form which was printed in quantities of about 500,000,000 annually has now been eliminated except for very limited special uses. This is the old money order application form. Recently - installed Post Office Department money order procedures, as well as the Forms Control Program, has made possible this particular reduction of paper work —one of the lagrest in the Post Office Department's history.

2. 22 different service and pay record forms used in the postal field service have been eliminated.

3. 12 forms that had to do with certain statistics and route information on city delivery service were consolidated into four.

4. The Postmaster's "cashbook" (forms used for daily accounting purposes) were reduced from 4 different types to 2.

5. A new claims form used by the public when parcel post or C. O. D. package loss is claimed has reduced a highly-complicated 4-page form to one sheet printed on both sides, and the public now fills in only a portion of one side.

6. New application for second-class mailing privileges is now a simple single sheet form, printed on one side only. The applicant fills in a small portion of this one sheet and mails it in a window envelope, without any further addressing, to his postmaster.

U. S. states and cities borrowed heavily in 1956.

The United States is planning to build a $25,000,000 airbase for Nationalist China in Taiwan (Formosa).

The drop in business loans in the greatest since 1954.

About 350,000 immigrants were admitted to the United States in 1956, the highest number since the year 1925.

The Agriculture Department announced that more than 60 per cent of the government - owned farm surplus disposed of since 1953 has brought cash.

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